Insurance of Fishermen

2527. SHRI MAHENDRA KARMA :
SHRI TILAK RAJ SINGH :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Madhya Pradesh Government have insured 53,629 persons engaged in fishing against accident during 1995-96 and on this Rs. 3,01,607 have been spent on 50:50 share basis by the State;

(b) if so, the amount still to be paid by the Union Government to the State Government out of their share; and

(c) the time by which the outstanding amount would be paid?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) The Government of Madhya Pradesh had insured 47007 fishermen during 1995-96 against accidents under the Group Accident Insurance Component of the Centrally Sponsored National Welfare of Fishermen Scheme. A total sum of Rs. 5,28,758/- was spent on the insurance of 4007 fishermen during 1995-96 out of which the contribution of the State Government on 50:50 basis was Rs. 2,64,379/-.

(b) and (c) The State Government, during 1995-96, had requested this Ministry to release a sum of Rs. 2,81,250/- as Central share of grants-in-aid for the purpose of insuring 50,000 fishermen. The entire amount of Central share was released to the State Government in March, 1996. As the expenditure incurred by the State Government during 1995-96 was less than the Central share released for this purpose, no Central share is outstanding to be paid.

[Translation]

Inclusion of Caste in Scheduled Tribes List

2528. SHRI TILAK RAJ SINGH :
SHRI MAHENDRA KARMA :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any representation to include 'Tailanga Caste' in districts of Madhya Pradesh under Scheduled Tribes has been received;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the date of sending the said proposal; and

(c) the steps being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (c) A reference dated 6.10.96 for inclusion of Tailanga community of Bastar Division in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Madhya Pradesh was forwarded by Shri Mahendra Karma, M.P. The same has been forwarded to the Government of Madhya Pradesh for their comments as envisaged under Article 342 of the Constitution.

[English]

Quality Control of Sugar

2529. SHRI V. PRADEEP DEV : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received complaints/reports regarding some sugar factories not following the quality control and who indulged in practice of packing inferior quality of sugar in the bags than the grades marked on the bags by the factories during the year 1996-97;

(b) if so, the names of such factories, State-wise;

(c) the action taken by the Government against these factories under the Sugar (Packing and Marking) Order, 1970; and

(d) the action taken against those factories found indulging into such practices more than once during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) and (d) During the sugar season 1996-97 (October, 1996 to September, 1997) upto 31st January, 1997, two sugar factories, namely, (i) M/s The Haryana Cooperative Sugar Mills Ltd., Rohtak (Haryana) and (ii) M/s. Sangamner Bhag SSK Ltd., Amruthnagar, Tal. Sangamner, Distt. Ahmednagar (Maharashtra) were found to have misgraded their sugar of 1996-97 season's production in respect of certain lots of sugar. These sugar factories have already been issued show cause notices for the contravention of Clause 4(1) of Sugar (Packing and Marking) Order 1970.

No sugar factory has been found to have misgraded its sugar more than once during the last three sugar years (October to September) i.e. 1993-94 and 1995-96.

Irregularities in Super Bazar

2530. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to refer to the answer given to Unstarred Question No. 3096 dated August 16, 1994 regarding supplies in Super Bazar and State :

(a) whether the situation has since not improved in the Super Bazar and the same old irregularities and arbitrariness continue to take place unabated;

(b) whether the Government do not take notice of affairs that are prejudical to the interest of the consumers on the ground of the Super Bazar being autonomous;

(c) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(d) the grant released to the Super Bazar during 1995-96 and 1996-97 and the purposes thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) The Super Bazar has informed that no act of irregularity or arbitrariness in registration of firms has been committed and that the selection of suppliers by the Super Bazar is a continuous process and all efforts are made by them to register the genuine suppliers.

(b) and (c) The Super Bazar is an autonomous cooperative institution having its own Board of Management which looks after its management including its business and Government does not interfere in their day to day functioning. The Super Bazar has informed that efforts are made to supply quality goods to the customers on competitive rates and in case of any specific complaint, the same is looked into and necessary remedial measures are taken.

(d) During 1995-96 an amount of Rs. 8 lakhs was released to the Super Bazar, Delhi as grant-in-aid for opening up new branches, renovation and modification of branches/departments and computerisation and installation of cash register machines. During the current financial year 1996-97, a similar provision has been made.

[Translation]

Land for Ambedkar Memorial

2531. SHRI BUDHSEN PATEL : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to construct Dr. Ambedkar memorial' at 26, Alipur road;

(b) if so, the date on which a decision was taken; and

(c) the steps taken to acquiring the land till date?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) October, 1992.

(c) The Government of NCT, Delhi have been requested to acquire the land at 26, Alipur Road, Delhi. Necessary actions are being taken to release the funds for meeting the cost of acquisition.

Inland Fisheries

2532. SHRI K PRADHANI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a vast scope for promoting the Inland Fisheries in the State of Orissa·

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(c) whether there is a need to adopt scientific farming in order to promote Inland Fishing in the country;

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in Orissa in this direction;

(e) whether the Centrally Sponsored Schemes are being implements of in the state by the Fish Farmers Development Agencies; and

(f) if so, the achievement made there under in Orissa so far?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir. Orissa has 4,500 kms length of rivers and canals, 2,56,000 ha reservoirs, 1,14,000 ha ponds and tanks, 1,80,000 ha oxbow lakes and derelict waterbodies and 4,17,000 ha of brackishwater area where there is potential for inland fisheries development.

(b) Fisheries is a State subject and it is for the Government of Orissa to take suitable steps for development of inland fisheries in Orissa. However, a number of Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes such as Freshwater and Brackishwater Aquaculture development, Training and Extension, etc. are being implemented by the Central Government for assisting Orissa State during the Eighth Five Year Plan.

(c) and (d) While waterbodies such as rivers, canals and reservoirs are more amenable to capture fisheries, scientific fish farming is being promoted in fresh and brackishwater under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Fish Farmers Development Agencies (FFDA's) and Brackishwater Fish Farmers Development Agencies (BFDA's). The agencies provide a package of technical, financial and extension support to fish farmers.

(e) and (f) Development of Freshwater Aquaculture is one of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented by the Government of Orissa through 27 Fish Farmers Development Agencies (FFDA's). Since inception till 1995-96 FFDAs have brought 24743 ha water area under scientific fish culture and trained 39743 fish farmers/fishermen in improved practices of fish farming.